This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A laser-markable transparent or translucent plastic, which comprises A a pearlescent pigment in combination with a laser-sensitive pigment which does not exhibit any pearlescent effect, wherein the laser-sensitive pigment is composed of mica coated with one or more metal oxides, the nature and thickness of the coating(s) on the mica being such that no pearlescent effect occurs.
- 2. (Original) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, which comprises from 0.1 to 2% by weight of pearlescent pigment and from 0.1 to 1.0% by weight of laser-sensitive pigment, based on the weight of the plastic.
- 3. (Original) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the plastic is polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene terephthalate, polycarbonate or PVC.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A laser-markable plastics plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the pearlescent pigment is composed of titanium dioxide-coated lamellae made of naturally occurring or synthetic mica, aluminum oxide, silicon dioxide, bismuth oxide chloride lamellae and/or basic lead carbonate in lamella form.

5. (Canceled)

- 6. (Currently Amended) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 5 1, wherein the laser-sensitive pigment is coated with TiO₂, Sn/Sb mixed oxide or Sn/In mixed oxide.
- 7. (Currently Amended) Process for preparing a laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, which comprises mixing thermoplastic pellets of the plastic with the pearlescent pigment and the laser-sensitive pigment, and are then shaped shaping the mixture with exposure to heat.
- 8. (Original) A method for producing a moulding which is markable with the aid of laser radiation, which comprises molding a laser-markable plastic of Claim 1.
- **9.** (Original) A molding composed of a laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1.
- 10. (Original) A method for scanner reading a laser-marking on a plastic, wherein the plastic is a laser-markable plastic of Claim 1.
- 11. (New) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the pearlescent pigment is TiO₂-coated mica, Fe₂O₃-coated mica or TiO₂-coated and Fe₂O₃-coated mica.
- 12. (New) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein plastic consists of the pearlescent pigment and the laser-sensitive pigment as the pigments therein.

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13. (New) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein plastic consists of the pearlescent pigment and the laser-sensitive pigment as the laser absorbing pigments therein.